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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE

REF: KINSHASA 1139

1. METHODIST MISSIONARY WENDELL GOLDEN, WHO COOPERATES WITH MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC) GROUP WORKING AMONG ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN BAS ZAIRE, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER FEBRUARY 19 THAT SOME 12,000 REFUGEES FROM NORTHERN ANGOLA ARRIVED IN BAS ZAIRE FEBRUARY 18. REFUGEES HAVE BEEN SETTLED, TEMPORARILY AT LEAST, IN REGION AROUND SANGOLOLO. FOOD AND BASIC MEDICINES ARE URGENTLY NEEDED. MAKE-DO ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE LOCALLY, BUT FUNDS TO PURCHASE ARE LACKING. UNHCR REPORTEDLY IS DOING NOTHING. RED CROSS IS PRESENT, BUT SWAMPED. GOLDEN ASKED IF USG COULD MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO MEET THIS IMMEDIATE NEED.

COMMENT:

2. EMBASSY URGES SWIFT AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION. AT PRESENT JUNCTURE, POSITIVE, TIMELY RESPONSE TO THIS HUMANITARIAN REQUEST SEEMS CLEARLY IN US INTEREST. MCC IS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION LONG ENGAGED IN EFFECTIVE RELIEF WORK AMONG ANGOLAN REFUGEES. DESPITE ANTICIPATION PARA 9 OF REFTTEL, UNHCR HAS NOT REACTED POSITIVELY TO IMMEDIATE FOOD NEEDS OF

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REFUGEES NOW ENTERING BAS ZAIRE. UNHCR FUNDS GIVEN TO ECZ

(PROTESTANT UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION) GO INSTEAD TO SCHOOLS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR ANGOLANS ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN ZAIRE. IF DISPOSED TO FAVOR THIS REQUEST, DEPARTMENT MIGHT CONSIDER CHANNELING FUNDS DIRECTLY THROUGH MCC AKRON, PENNSYLVANIA. EMBASSY OR USAID OFFICER COULD MONITOR RELIEF DELIVERY THIS END.

3. EMBASSY STILL AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONSE TO OTHER REQUESTS (FNLA/UNITA) REPORTED PARA 6 REFTEL.
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